GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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TELECAST OF DD METRO
RAGHURAJ SINGH SHAKYA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to telecast the programmes of Metro Channel in the entire country;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) the time by which the programmes of the DD-2 / (Metro Channel) are likely to telecast in Etawah city of Uttar Pradesh ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that while Metro Channel (DD-2) programmes are available all over the country in satellite mode, expansion of terrestrial coverage of the Channel is being carried out in a phased manner, depending upon availability of resources and inter-se priorities. The terrestrial relay of Metro Channel will cover 43.4% of the country`s population in about two years` time, when the projects currently under implementation are completed.

(c): Prasar Bharati does not have any scheme at present to install a transmitter at Etawah city for relay of Metro Channel.